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Dear Walter.

It was an interesting scene at the Cavalli's the evening you passed through. I have a hunch you could not have been totally ignorant of the possibility of my moving to New York, and if so, you were marvelously discreet. I would guess there is a good deal of symmetry in the roles we will be undertaking and that certainly does give me the excuse to redouble in an official way, what you know I would offer personally, which is the hospitality of Rockefeller at any time you are in New York City. I assume that you have stayed at Abbey Hall and hope you will agree that it is a very convenient place indeed for the scientific transient.

I am sure that there will also be a good deal of substance worth discussing about the direction of research institutions and I will certainly enjoy the opportunity to renew a collegial relationship over those kinds of issues. I hope you are right about being able to continue your laboratory role. I am not banking on that for myself, at least certainly to the extent that I heard you articulate -- but don't quite want to slam the door on it totally.

Anyhow, our very best to you and Julia, and we really do look forward to being a bit closer -- and perhaps we can thank Laker even the more for that -- and the opportunities that may facilitate.

Yours,

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